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SUBJECT: ROK SPECIAL MISSION

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1. KIM CALLED ON AMEMBASSADOR JUNE 26 AFTER MEETING WITH GOB FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS RECEPTION BY BAHRAINIS. FOUND FOREIGN MINISTER (AS WE HAVE FOUND HIM) PHILOSOPHICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO ROK POSITION. KIM SAID GOB OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL ON NON-ALIGNMENT CONFERENCE ISSUE. KIM SAID HE RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHMENT ROK-GOB RELATIONS BUT GOT IMPRESSION GOB PREFERS TO LEAVE THAT ISSUE ON BACK BURNER WHILE
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CONSULTING WITH GULF NEIGHBORS. (COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES

AWARE, GOB HAS NO RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND UNDOUBTEDLY FEELS THAT ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ROK AT THIS STAGE WOULD INVITE RENEWED PRESSURE FROM NORTH KOREA AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES FOR RELATIONS.)

2. SINCE GOB FOREIGN MINISTER CURRENTLY PLANS TO ATTEND NON-ALIGNMENT CONFERENCE AS PART OF UNGA, AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED TO KIM THAT ROK MAY WISH TO CONTINUE CONTACT WITH HIM ON KOREAN QUESTION IN HOPES THAT HE WOULD BE PERSUASIVE AND USEFUL FRIEND WITHIN ARAB COUNCILS, EVEN THOUGH GOB QUITE UNLIKELY TO BREAK OUT OF ANY ARAB PACK THAT COALESCES ON THIS ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP ON GENERAL KOREAN ISSUE WITH GOB ALONG LINES REF B AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

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